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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic component comprising:
an insulative case including a lower case portion and an upper case portion;
a plurality of surface-mounting terminals mounted on said insulative case;
at least one notch ~~provided in and extending entirely through said lower case portion in a thickness direction from a top surface to a bottom surface thereof formed by~~
a central substantially rectangular cut through the entire thickness of said lower case portion to accommodate a substantially L-shaped lead portion of at least one of said plurality of surface-mounting terminals; and

said at least one notch providing a clearance between said lower case portion and said substantially L-shaped lead portion of said at least one of said plurality of surface-mounting terminals such that said substantially L-shaped lead portion does not contact any part of the lower case portion so as to prevent the occurrence of capillary effect of solder applied to said electronic component.

Claim 2 (previously presented): An electronic component as claimed in claim 1, wherein said substantially L-shaped lead portion of said at least one of said plurality of surface-mounting terminals includes a solder fillet portion.

Claim 3 (previously presented): An electronic component as claimed in claim 2, wherein said clearance is provided between the solder fillet portion and said insulative case.

Claim 4 (previously presented): An electronic component as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of terminals led out from a divided surface of said insulative case to the

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outside of said insulating case;

a groove intersecting at least one of said plurality of terminals, said groove being provided in said divided surface of said insulative case.

Claim 5 (original): An electronic component as claimed in claim 4, wherein said groove has a substantially V-shaped cross-section, and said groove extends in the direction that is substantially perpendicular to a flowing direction of flux.

Claim 6 (original): An electronic component as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a fixed terminal and a movable terminal each having substantially L-shaped lead portions.

Claim 7 (original): An electronic component according to claim 6, wherein said at least one notch includes a first notch and a second notch.

Claim 8 (previously presented): An electronic component according to claim 7, wherein said first notch receives said substantially L-shaped lead portion of said fixed terminal.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An electronic component according to claim 7, wherein said second notch receives said substantially L-shaped lead portion of said movable terminal.

Claim 10 (original): An electronic component according to claim 6, wherein the movable terminal includes a movable contact portion having a spring property which bulges upward at an approximate central portion thereof, said movable terminal contacts said fixed terminal by the force caused by the spring property of the movable contact portion to electrically connect said movable terminal to said fixed terminal.

Claim 11 (original): An electronic component according to claim 1, wherein said

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insulative case is made of resin.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A coaxial connector comprising:

an insulative case having a hollow portion into which a central contact of a mating coaxial connector is inserted and including a lower case portion and an upper case portion;

a fixed terminal and a movable terminal for surface mounting, said fixed terminal and movable terminal being mounted to the hollow portion of said insulative case;

a surface-mounting external terminal mounted onto the outside of said insulative case, said surface-mounting external terminal being electrically connected with an outer conductor of said mating coaxial connector; and

~~notches provided in and extending entirely through said lower case portion in a thickness direction from a top surface to a bottom surface thereof~~ formed by central substantially rectangular cuts through the entire thickness of said lower case portion to accommodate substantially L-shaped lead portions of each of said fixed terminal and movable terminal such that said substantially L-shaped lead portions do not contact any part of the lower case portion so as to prevent the occurrence of capillary effect of solder applied to said coaxial connector.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A coaxial connector as claimed in claim 12, wherein each of said notches includes a clearance between said substantially L-shaped lead portions of each of said fixed terminal and said movable terminal and said insulative case to prevent the occurrence of capillary effect.

Claim 14 (previously presented): A coaxial connector as claimed in claim 13, wherein each of said clearances being defined between a solder fillet portion of said substantially L-shaped lead portions and said insulative case.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A coaxial connector as claimed in claim 12, wherein the substantially L-shaped lead portions of each of said fixed and movable

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terminals are led out from the divided surfaces of the insulative case to the outside of the insulative case, and further comprising:

a groove intersecting at least one of said fixed and movable terminals, said groove being provided in a divided surface of said insulative case.

Claim 16 (original): A coaxial connector as claimed in claim 15, wherein said groove has a substantially V-shaped cross-section, and said groove extends in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to a flowing direction of flux.

Claim 17 (original): An electronic component according to claim 12, wherein the movable terminal includes a movable contact portion having a spring property which bulges upward at the approximate central portion thereof, said movable terminal contacts said fixed terminal by the force caused by the spring property of the movable contact portion to electrically connect said movable terminal to said fixed terminal.

Claim 18 (original): An electronic component according to claim 12, wherein said insulative case is made of resin.

Claim 19 (original): A communication device comprising an electronic component as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 20 (original): A communication device comprising a coaxial connector as claimed in claim 12.

Claims 21 and 22 (canceled)